

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7 and 9 are amended, claim 6 is canceled and claim 15 is added. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 6 and 7. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 6. Claim 7 has been amended to independent form. Finally, new claim 15 incorporates the subject matter of claim 9 and the subject matter of allowable claim 7. As such, claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that claims 1 and 9 are indefinite because the claims do not recite a connection between the rewriter, the rewriter activation section, and the rest of the device. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 7 and 9 recite a processor that is coupled to the interface circuit and that the processor includes the rewriter and the rewriter activation section. As such, claims 1, 7, and 9 now recite a connection between the relevant claim elements.

The Office Action also asserts that the claimed term "the command packet" in claims 1 and 9 lack antecedent basis. Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite "a command packet."

Finally, the Office Action asserts that the claim phrase "the second" in claims 1 and 9 is indefinite. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite "the second device."

Therefore, for at least these reasons, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5, 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,115,771 (Born). As independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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